

FISCAL NOTE

HB 158 - SB 192

February 21, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Human Services to reimburse an overpayment of funds by a person subject to an incorrectly issued child support order within 60 days of the determination that the order issued incorrectly. Authorizes the Department to employ any actions available in the pursuit of reimbursement from the person who incorrectly received such funds.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$186,000 Recurring
\$16,900 One-Time**

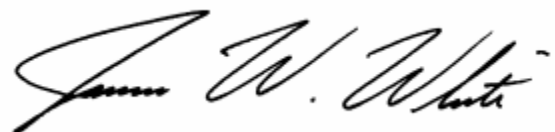
Other Fiscal Impact – Increase Federal Expenditures - \$32,700 One-Time

Assumptions:

- Analysis, design, programming and testing for modifications to the Tennessee Child Support Enforcement System would cost \$49,600 (\$16,900 state and \$32,700 federal).
- The Department of Human Services makes \$465,000,000 annual payments to families; \$232,500 is considered overpayment. The Department estimates that 20% of the overpayment amount will be recovered, resulting in \$186,000 of recurring state expenditures.
- Federal regulations restrict how the Department may attempt to recover overpaid support funds from custodial parents. These regulations require the Department to send a series of requests for permission to recover the funds.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director